

Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. & opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE

Gregory Ware, Chair Betty Gosney, Vice Chair Lynda Gonzalez Jacqueline Cox
Adrian McDaniel Eric Scott

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Council Member Lynda Gonzalez and seconded by Council Member Eric Scott to approve the January minutes. All were in favor and the January minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Kayos Kidz Volunteer Clean-Up Event Review

The Kayos Kidz thanked Mr. Dave Soto and the Boosters for their donation and for attending their events. Next, the Kayos Kidz recognized Beverlee Spencer for her efforts to keep teen's drug and alcohol free and for her continued support of the Kayos Kidz. They also announced that on January 20th Kimberly Brewer was named Southern California's Most Helpful Volunteer and was awarded a new Honda Odyssey.

They have a short documentary they have been working which shows their club, their goals, and how they give back to the community. They are selling the tickets tonight for \$5 (half price) and the showing will be Monday February 22nd at 6:30pm. They expect to start production next spring for their new movie. Next, they announced that on March 5-7 they will be hosting the Kayos Kidz Snow Camp.

Jessica Thompson reported that on January 16, and 17th, the Kayos Kidz along with 658 volunteers helped make Bloomington a little bit nicer during the clean up. The event also brought business to Bloomington as 465 people visited local businesses while in town. On March 20th they will begin to collect Mac N Cheese and Top Ramen and for the annual Feed the Need program. Their goal is to feed the 400 kids lunch during spring break. Also on March 20th they will be involved with the World Café hosted by the Fontana Mayor. On March 26th Andrew Holmes will be performing on the Mayor's stage his song, "One Blue Ribbon".

MAC Chair Gregory Ware stated that he is glad to see that the kids are getting younger and younger and they represent the future leaders. He also acknowledged the presence of Jesse Valenzuela from Congressman Baca's Office.

B. Community Enhancement Initiative

Terri Williams, Chief of Environmental Health & Code Enforcement
David Jorgenson Code Enforcement Supervisor

David Jorgenson presented Code Enforcement's proposal for a new proactive community initiative to improve code compliance. Code Enforcement has submitted a proposal to the County Board of Supervisors for Community Development Block Grant funding. If approved, the funding will support the new Community Enhancement program in the Fifth District. The program will include

community outreach and a systematic approach to communicating with residents in targeted areas. One of the key issues often raised by residents is the abundance of unpermitted commercial truck facilities. Ms. Williams noted that part of the new program would address illegal commercial vehicles. Ms. Williams has also instituted new policies to encourage staff to work in partnership with other County departments and community groups to improve efficiency.

Ms. Williams announced that the County Board of Supervisors will consider the CDBG funding on March 23, 2010 at 10am. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

Q&A: A resident asked if there are specific provisions for those who have special needs. Terri replied that the areas are small enough that they can focus on any special needs and help them out. She emphasized that their focus is to make a difference in the community and not to issue citations.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Field Representative – Dan Flores

Dan gave an update on behalf of Tim Millington regarding two projects in Bloomington. He stated that there is some electrical infrastructure getting upgraded but it is going to be open to the public and there will be full access to the park. Second, at Ayala Park, they are going to upgrade the playground. As a result, the play area will not be accessible for a few weeks. If there are any questions, please call the office of Supervisor Gonzales. Next, Dan reported that the Census is just around the corner and flyers are available for those interested in working for the Census. There are currently part time and full time temporary positions open with the US Census Bureau. Next month a representative from the US Census Bureau will give a special presentation on what to expect. The forms will begin to be distributed to the residents in March. He stated that an accurate count will result in federal money being allocated to the communities, so it's very important to get everyone counted.

B. Sheriff's Department – Sergeant Finneran

Sergeant Finneran reported that they are assisting CHP with writing tickets on Cedar Ave. and Valley Blvd for blocking the intersection. He stated that it has been pretty quiet and he did not have any other news to report.

ITEM S FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Lynda Gonzalez asked to have an updated report from Jacob Babico to give a report on the widening of Slover Ave.

Council Member Gosney announced that there is a new location to pay the bills for West Valley Water District at Jay's Check Cashing.

MEMBER REPORTS

Adrian McDaniel – MAC Member McDaniel stated that the portable marquis sign works very well for announcements in Bloomington.

Jacqueline Cox – MAC Member Cox announced that she attended the dinner hosted by the Boosters and she said it was a wonderful evening and they had a really good time.

Greg Ware – Chairman Ware stated that he would like to have someone from CERT back to a MAC meeting with some information for the residents should something happen in the future.

He thanked Ms. Williams and Mr. Jorgenson of Code Enforcement for coming out and giving the good news of the new program.

Lynda Gonzalez – MAC Member Gonzalez thanked the Bloomington Boosters as she also attended the dinner and it was very nicely organized as usual. She also announced that she brought information flyers for the US Census and stated that it is very important as it determines the amount of money that goes back to the County. The numbers to call for more information are 909-575-9573 and 818-717-5820. She also said that if anyone needs them in Spanish, they are in Spanish on the reverse side.

Eric Scott – No report

Betty Gosney – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jason Buckner – Office of Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter

Mr. Buckner reported that the Assembly Member is working with the Legislature on the State budget. She is working closely with Supervisor Gonzales to advocate for communities in San Bernardino County. He stated that the State is counting on the Census to get the appropriate funding. Upcoming events: On February 25th at the County Government Center Assembly Member Carter will host a Black History Month program that will honor photography over the years. She will also host her annual open house on March 7th from 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 6pm. He also brought the community newsletter. He left his cards and wanted to announce that they are accepting nominations for Small Business of the Year and also next month is Woman's History Month and she will be honoring a woman of the year and submissions are welcome.

Dave Jayne – San Bernardino Valley Riders

Mr. Jayne announced that the San Bernardino Valley Riders are going to have their first show the 20th of February and wanted to invite everyone. He also would like input from the residents regarding the handicap ride in October. If the residents want them to put it on they are going to need money, approximately \$8,000 to pull it off. He also asked if Dan Flores could tell Tim Millington to get rid of the container by the building at Kessler Park. He had the Sheriff's Dept. empty it but, people are using it as a trash bin and it should not be there.

Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport thanked the residents who turned up at the demonstration and stated that they are considering doing it again. They will be moving the BIC meetings to the 4th Wednesday of the month for a couple of months because Little League needs to use the trailer at Kessler on the upcoming two Friday's. He also mentioned that CERT is a great idea but should be accompanied by individual earthquake preparedness awareness.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by Aurora Hernandez, MAC Secretary: (909) 387-3064